

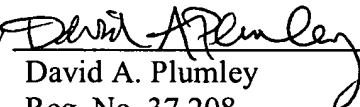
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-19, and 31-34 remain in this application with claims 14-19 withdrawn as directed to a non-elected species. In the November 6, 2006 Office action, claims 1-2, 4-6, 8, 10-13, and 31-34 were rejected as unpatentable over Narang et al. Narang et al. are cited for teaching batteries which include an electrolyte that may include an additive such as azobis(isobutyronitrile) or butadiene sulfone. In response, applicant has amended claim 1 to recite that the additive includes a sulfone selected from Formulas (1) and (2). Claim 2 has been canceled. It is noted that in allowing claim 3, the examiner has confirmed that Narang et al. fail to teach or suggest a battery including, among other elements, an additive with both: (a) a sulfone-based compound of Formula (1); and (b) either a C₃ to C₃₀ organic peroxide or an azo-based compound. Applicant submits that Narang et al. additionally fail to disclose a the combination of (a) a sulfone-based compound of Formula (2) and (b) either a C₃ to C₃₀ organic peroxide or an azo-based compound. Therefore, amended claim 1 is allowable over the cited art as are dependent claims 4-6, 8, 10-13, and 31-34. Moreover, given that claim 1 is generic, applicant requests examination of previously withdrawn claims 14-19.

Claims 1, 3-19, and 31-34 remain in this application and applicant requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance. However, if there are any remaining issues, the examiner is asked to contact applicant's counsel at the number below.

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